

1 AN ACT in relation to mental health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 72 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/72 new)

8 Sec. 72. DuPage County intermittent care group homes;
9 pilot project.

10 (a) Definition. In this Section, "Service Provider"
11 means Trinity Services of Joliet, Illinois.

12 (b) The Department shall establish in DuPage County, as
13 a pilot project, 2 group homes, each housing 4 residents with
14 similar diagnoses of mental illness and requiring similar
15 intermittent care. The homes must be located in DuPage County
16 and within reasonable proximity of each other. The homes must
17 have similar characteristics and be approved by the United
18 States Department of Housing and Urban Development for
19 Section 8 Project-Based Assistance.

20 (c) The Department shall purchase each home with
21 down-payment moneys provided by (i) the family of one of the
22 home's residents through an established special needs trust
23 and (ii) a not-for-profit provider of services for the
24 mentally ill.

25 (d) The Department shall rent each home to the Service
26 Provider at a fair market rental value as determined by the
27 DuPage Housing Authority. The rent must cover payment of
28 principal and interest on the mortgage on each home, as well
29 as payment of taxes and insurance on the properties and the
30 cost of reasonably expected repairs and maintenance.

31 (e) The Service Provider shall pay all principal and

1 interest under the mortgage on each of the homes as those
2 amounts come due and shall pay the cost of property taxes and
3 insurance on the homes and the cost of repairs and
4 maintenance on the homes. The Service Provider shall pay for
5 utility service to the homes.

6 (f) The General Assembly anticipates that the United
7 States Department of Housing and Urban Development will pay
8 to the Service Provider a monthly amount as rent on behalf of
9 each resident. The Department also anticipates that residents
10 will pay rent monthly to the Service Provider in an amount
11 approved by the Department. The General Assembly anticipates
12 that the residents will be eligible for Food Stamps or other
13 forms of food assistance and that those benefits will be
14 applied toward the cost of food for each household.

15 (g) The Department shall contract with the Service
16 Provider to provide all necessary and customary services to
17 the residents of the homes. The Service Provider must ensure
18 that sufficient employees are assigned to each home to meet
19 the needs of the residents and to comply with the level of
20 care necessary for the residents. The Service Provider shall
21 also provide the residents of each home with transportation
22 to daily programs, social events, counseling, therapy,
23 physician appointments, and places of employment.

24 (h) The Department and the Service Provider must take
25 all steps necessary to enroll the residents of the homes as
26 recipients of medical assistance under Article V of the
27 Illinois Public Aid Code and to seek reimbursement under that
28 program for services provided to the residents.